

in the interest of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) No, Sir, so far as regular appointments/promotions are concerned.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This is general policy matter which has to be considered by the Department of Personnel and A. R. in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Cooking Gas Accidents

5805. SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cooking gas accidents taken place in the country from 1970-80, (i) year-wise, (ii) State-wise;

(b) whether the cooking gas accidents are on the increase; and

(c) if so, the educative methods adopted therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) The information regarding the year-wise and State-wise details of the number of accidents involving cooking gas cylinders during the period 1970-80 is not readily available in this Ministry. However, according to available information a total number of about 150 such accidents have taken place in the country during the period 1978-80.

(b) Taking into account the steady increase in the number of cooking gas consumers in the country over the years, the number of accidents involving cooking gas cylinders cannot be considered to be on the increase.

(c) The oil companies have taken steps to educate the consumers on the safe and proper usage of LPG equipments by briefing the customers/issuing printed materials containing safety instructions to customers etc. Besides, the distributors and their staff are also instructed on the safety handling of cylinders by the field staff of the oil companies.

बीकानेर में एक ताप बिजली घर की स्थापना

5806. श्री मूल चन्द्र डागा : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने बीकानेर के समीप भूरा कोयला उपलब्ध होने के कारण बीकानेर, राजस्थान में एक ताप बिजलीघर की स्थापना किये जाने का अनुमोदन कर दिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च होगी और इसका कार्य कब शुरु होगा तथा कब पूरा होगा ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विक्रम महाजन) : (क) और (ख). राजस्थान के बीकानेर जिले में पालना में 2 × 6 मेगावाट का एक ताप विद्युत केन्द्र प्रतिष्ठापित करने के लिए एक स्कीम का, तकनीकी-आर्थिक दृष्टि से मूल्यांकन कर लिया गया है और इसकी निवेश संबंधी स्वीकृति की प्रतीक्षा है। वहां उपलब्ध लिग्नाइट का उपयोग इस स्कीम में किया जाएगा। परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत 6738 लाख रुपये है। इस परियोजना को तकनीकी-आर्थिक स्वीकृति देते समय केन्द्रीय विद्युत् प्राधिकरण ने पालना विद्युत परियोजना

तथा पालना खान परियोजना को साथ-साथ स्वीकृति देने की सिफारिश की है ताकि वांछित समयवधि में लिगनाइट की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित हो सके। लिगनाइट खनन परियोजना के लिए किसी वित्तीय प्रावधान का प्रस्ताव इस समय राज्य सरकार ने नहीं किया है। इस स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए, स्कीम पर निवेश संबंधी निर्णय फिलहाल प्रास्थगित रखा गया है।

Proposal to use satellite to transit Data about oil Drilling

5807. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA RATH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has a proposal to use satellite to transit data about the offshore oil drilling to the shore station for quicker analysis;

(b) if so, the preparation made so far by the O. N. G. C. to implement the above proposal;

(c) when this programme is expected to be started; and

(d) the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir. It is for monitoring data on oil and gas production and not for drilling;

(b) Orders for supply of equipment to be installed on the platform and onshore have been placed;

(c) and (d). The satellite link is proposed to be operational through the Indian Satellite 'INSAT' and is expected to start functioning

between Bombay High North Platform 'BHN' and Uran Shore Terminal by March, 1982.

Films on Delhi T. V.

5808. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that TV programmes are not only boring but also becoming vulgar, as violence movies like Heeralal-Pannalal and Lagaam were shown;

(b) the TV advertisements of cigarettes, cold drinks (showing semi-nude young girls, nirodh, sanitary napkins, etc. often have a bad effect on children and youth; and

(c) whether Government propose showing good films on TV particularly on Saturday like Dosti and Koshish during this International Disabled year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) Doordarshan makes continuous efforts to improve its programmes and to present good and interesting programmes to its viewers. Since the programmes are planned and presented for a cross-section of viewers with different tastes, a programme which appeals to one section of people may not necessarily have the same appeal for others. However, every care is taken to exclude vulgarity and unnecessary violence from TV programmes, and to ensure that the programmes are fit for family viewing.

(b) Advertisements of cigarettes are not accepted for telecast on Doordarshan as a matter of policy. Scripts and visual for advertisements are carefully scrutinized before accepting them to exclude all elements which are not fit for family viewing.